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**DRAFT**

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**In the claims:****Please amend claim 1 as follows:**

1. (Twice Amended) A fluid filter, comprising a filter housing, a central, approximately *a filter insert claimed?*  
~~tabular~~ component which extends into the an interior of the filter said central component  
being disposable in an operating position by engaging a projection on the filter housing and  
being ~~permanently therein~~ retained in the filter housing, said central component being  
detachable from said projection in a disassembly position such that said central component is  
nondestructively removable from the filter, wherein the central component is mounted  
rotatably around a longitudinal axis in the filter housing, and a retaining component arranged  
in a rotationally restricted manner within the filter housing, said retaining component being  
arranged to surround and fix the central component by an interference fit so as ~~not to rotate~~  
inhibit rotation of said central component in the operating position, the central component  
being rotatable into the disassembly position when the clamping force of the interference fit  
is exceeded.

2. (Previously Amended) The filter according to claim 1, wherein the central component  
and the retaining component (10) comprise interacting polygonal contours.

*for producing  
said interference fit*